AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended):   A method comprising:

maintaining digital records of software licenses, the digital records indicating rights associated with software licenses; and

under the control of a software user, upgrading or downgrading the software version for multiple software licenses in a batch mode, an indication of the upgrade or downgrade being stored in the digital record wherein the multiple software licenses are individually selectable by the software user<u>;</u>

<u>wherein the upgrading or downgrading of the software licenses includes displaying a page that shows current licenses to the user and receiving from the user an indication of what current licenses are selected to upgrade or downgrade, as well as an indication to upgrade or downgrade the selected licenses in the batch mode, the upgrading and downgrading involves providing new license keys for the upgrade/downgrade version, as well as disabling the license keys for the old versions.</u>

2. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the upgrading or downgrading of rights is associated with the license key.

3. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the digital record is accessed using a web application.

4. (Original): The method of claim 3, wherein the web application uses role-based security.

5. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein digital records contain configuration information for the computer authorized to run the software.

6. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the digital records can be searched to find a specific digital record.

7. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the rights are associated with a license key.

8. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein configuration information for the computers running the software is stored in the digital record.

9. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the license version is downgraded.

10. (Currently Amended): A license management system comprising:

     a memory adapted to maintain digital records of a software licenses, the digital record indicating rights associated with software licenses; and

     a processor adapted to allow the upgrading or downgrading the software version for multiple software licenses in a batch mode under the control of a software user, an indication of the upgrade or downgrade being stored in the digital record such that the digital record can be used to determine whether a software version is authorized by a software license wherein the multiple software licenses are individually selectable by the software user;

     wherein the upgrading or downgrading of the software licenses includes displaying a page that shows current licenses to the user and receiving from the user an indication of what current licenses are selected to upgrade or downgrade, as well as an indication to upgrade or downgrade the selected licenses in the batch mode, the upgrading and downgrading involves providing new license keys for the upgrade/downgrade version, as well as disabling the license keys for the old versions.

11. (Original): The license management system of claim 10, wherein the upgrading or downgrading of rights is associated with the license key.

12. (Original): The license management system of claim 10, wherein the digital record is accessed using a web application.

13. (Original): The license management system of claim 12, wherein the web application uses role-based security.

14. (Original): The license management system of claim 10, wherein digital records contain configuration information for the computer authorized to run the software.

15. (Original): The license management system of claim 10, wherein digital records can be searched to find a specific digital record.

16. (Original): The license management system of claim 10, wherein the rights are associated with a license key.

17. (Original): The license management system of claim 10, wherein configuration information for the computers running the software is stored in the digital record.

18. (Original): The license management system of claim 10, wherein the license version is downgraded.

19. – 42. (Withdrawn)

43. (Original): The method of claim 39, wherein the list is provided to the software user as a pull down list.

44. – 62. (Withdrawn)

63. (Original): The license management system of claim 53, wherein the rights are associated with a license key.

64. - 66. (Withdrawn)

67. (Currently Amended):   A method comprising:

maintaining digital records of a software license, the digital records indicating rights associated with software license;

under the control of a software user, downgrading the software version for the software license, an indication of the downgrade being stored in the digital record;

wherein the downgrading of the software license includes providing a page of current licenses to the user and receiving from the user an indication of what current license is selected for downgrading, as well as an indication to downgrade the selected license, the downgrading involves producing a new license key for the downgraded version, as well as disabling the license key for the old version.

68. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein the downgrading of rights is associated with the license key.

69. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein the digital record is accessed using a web application.

70. (Original): The method of claim 69, wherein the web application uses role-based security.

71. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein digital records contain configuration information for the computer authorized to run the software.

72. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein the digital records can be searched to find a specific digital record.

73. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein the rights are associated with a license key.

74. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein configuration information for the computers running the software is stored in the digital record.

75. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein the license version can also be upgraded.

76. (Original): The method of claim 67, wherein upgrading or downgrading of the version is done for multiple software licenses in a batch mode.

77. – 119. (Withdrawn)

120. (Currently Amended): A computer readable media comprising software to instruct a computer to do the steps of:

maintaining digital records of a software license, the digital records indicating rights associated with software license;

under the control of a software user, downgrading the software version for the software license, an indication of the downgrade being stored in the digital record;

wherein the downgrading of the software license includes providing a page of current licenses to the user and receiving from the user an indication of what current license is selected for downgrading, as well as an indication to downgrade the selected license, the downgrading involves producing a new license key for the downgraded version, as well as disabling the license key for the old version.

121. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein the downgrading of rights is associated with the license key.

122. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein the digital record is accessed using a web application.

123. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein the web application uses role-based security.

124. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein digital records contain configuration information for the computer authorized to run the software.

125. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein the digital records can be searched to find a specific digital record.

126. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein the rights are associated with a license key.

127. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein configuration information for the computers running the software is stored in the digital record.

128. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein the license version can also be upgraded.

129. (Original): The computer readable media of claim 120, wherein upgrading or downgrading of the version is done for multiple software licenses in a batch mode.